

**Department Of Veterans Affairs
VA Maryland Health Care System
Pharmacy VA Learning Opportunities Residency (VALOR) Program**



VA Maryland Health Care Pharmacy Services is pleased to announce the Pharmacy VALOR Program for Fiscal Year 2010. The Pharmacy VALOR Program gives outstanding pharmacy students an opportunity to develop competencies in a variety of pharmacy practice areas while working at an approved VA Healthcare facility. The VALOR student will gain practice experience within the Inpatient, Outpatient, Clinical and Administrative pharmacy sections at the VA Maryland Health Care System. Recruitment will be for **ONE** Pharmacy VALOR position.

Benefits:

- Salary is equal to 80% of the VA facility's per annum salary rate for Pharmacist GS-9, Step 1 on the general pharmacist schedule (approximately \$18.50 per hour)
- Potential to be hired above the minimum entry salary after graduation
- Students are required to work a minimum of 400 hours from entry until 10/1/2010
- An additional 400 hours may be authorized up to a maximum of 800 hours until graduation.

Eligibility:

- Anticipated completion of **SECOND or THIRD** professional year of education at an ACPE accredited School or College of Pharmacy by May 2010.
- Minimum Cumulative GPA of 3.0
- U.S Citizenship
- Meet physical examination standards, VHA background security check and attend VA employee orientation if selected

Application Process:

- Application for Federal Employment (available at Pharmacy Administrative Office BA-120- basement level of Baltimore VA Medical Center)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Official Transcript
- One to Two Paragraph Letter of Interest
- A Letter of nomination from a Dean/Director of School or College of Pharmacy (Dr. Jill Morgan)
- One Letter of recommendation from an additional instructor, advisor, employer or professor
- Application Deadline (must be post-marked by): March 15th, 2010
- On-site interview is required

Please mail or drop-off application materials to:

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VALOR Pharmacy Director

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